

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE THE APPLICATION OF Brian M. Unitt SERIAL NO. 09/580,865 FILED: May 30, 2000

ATTN: Application Branch

FOR: Non-Return Optical Star Coupler

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## SUBMISSION OF DECLARATION

Honorable Director of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice to file Missing Parts of Application, issued August 7, 2000, submitted herewith is a declaration, signed by the inventor(s). Therefore, the requirement of the Patent and Trademark Office for a declaration has been met.

In accordance with the provisions of the rules of the Patent and Trademark Office, the required surcharge of \$130.00 is appended hereto.

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled NON-RETURN OPTICAL STAR COUPLER

the specification of which:

is attached hereto.

was filed on 30 May 2000 as

Application Serial No. <u>09/5</u>60,865 and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and

have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

## **PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)**

			Priority Claimed			
Country	Number	<b>Date Filed</b>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>		
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United States ap of the claims of t in the manner p Section 112, I a Title 37, Code of	oplication(s) list his application provided by the cknowledge the f Federal Reg	der Title 35, United States sted below and, insofar as in is not disclosed in the price he first paragraph of Title ne duty to disclose material ulations, Section 1.56(a) which and the national or PCT	the subject matter or United States apples 35, United States of information as defined between the subject to the subject of the subject to the subject of t	of each lication Code ined in		
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Registration No. 40,808, and Robert F.I. Conte, Registration No. 20,354, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected herewith. It is requested that all communications be directed to Lee, Mann, Smith, McWilliams, Sweeney & Ohlson, P.O. Box 2786, Chicago, Illinois 60690-2786, telephone number (312) 368-1300.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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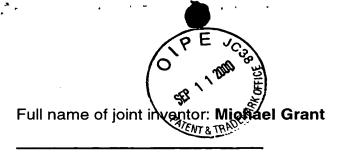
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